

REMARKS

The claims in the application remain as claims 1-17 following the above amendemnts.

The above amendment are made to correct claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined and to otherwise improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice.

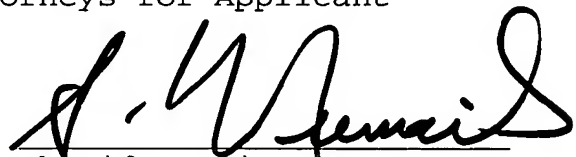
The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the amendments presented above. Regardless, at least most of the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments, the scope of the claims has not been reduced in these regards.

Applicant respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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